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SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT VISAS

1. ON JULY 5 POLICE AUTHORITIES PROVIDED CONFF WITH FRAUDULENT NIV VISA STAMP AND INKS AND TWO GUYANESE PASSPORTS WITH FRAUDULENT VISA ENDORSED.
2. POLICE AUTHORITIES STATED THAT PRINCIPAL AUTHOR BEHIND FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY IS ONE JOHN ARTHUR, A GUYANESE CITIZEN. HE WAS ARRESTED ON JUNE 22 AND IS PRESENTLY UNDER POLICE CUSTODY WITHOUT BAIL. SUBJECT' S BROTHER AND GIRL FRIEND INVOLVED.
3. POLICE CONFISCATED FIVE PASSPORTS. FOUR OF THE FIVE HAD FORGED NIV ENDORSESED. THEY ALSO FOUND COMPLETED NIV APPLICATION FORMS IN ARTHUR' S POSSESSION. FURTHER INVESTIGATION RELVEALED THAT SUBJECT HAS ENDORSESED APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN OTHER PASSPORTS FOR WHICH HE CHARGED FROM NINE TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED GUYANESE DOLLARS. THE SIGNATURE OF VICE CONSUL LESLIE M. ALEXANDER WAS ALSO FORGED.
4. SUBJECT' S ARREST OCCURED IN SAFARI INN GUEST HOUSE LOCATED AT FRIENDSHIP, EAST COAST DEMERARA. PROPRIETOR OF GUEST HOUSE REPORTED TO POLICE WHEN HE BECAME SUSPICIOUS

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THAT ARTHUR WAS COUNTERFEITING BILLS BECAUSE HE OBSERVED HIS
INKED FINGERTIPS.

5. ARTHUR REMEMBED BY CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION WHEN
SUBJECT ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE OFFICER SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
CONOFF REPORTED TO SENIOR POLICE OFFICER OF ARTHUR' S ATTEMPT
AND HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE. SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS
ARRESTED WHEN A COMPLAINT WAS MADE BY GUYANESE CITIZEN
THAT MONEY HAD BEEN GIVEN TON TO ARTHUR WHO WAS GOING TO
" FIX THE VISA" BUT HAD NOT RETURNED PASSPORT OR MONEY. NO
EVIDENCE OF FORGED VISAS AT THAT TIME SIX WEEKS AGO. PERSON
WITHDREW COMPLAINT AND ARTHUR WAS RELEASED.

6. CONFOF REQUESTED POLICE PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH ALL NAMES
OF PERSONS INVOLVED TO INCLUDE DATA, ETC. THIS INFORMATION
WILL BE RELAYED IMMEDIATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT AS IT IS
OBTAINED. POLICE CONTINUING WITH THEIR INVESTIGATIONS OF
ALL PERSONS INVOLVED.

7. PHOTOCOPIES OF FRAUD NIV PLATE AND COUNTERFEIT VISA
FROM TWO PASSPORTS MADE AVAILABLE BY POLICE FOLLOW. POLICE
HAVE REQUESTED RETURN OF COUNTERFEIT EQUIPMENT AND
PASSPORTS FOR EVIDENCE. KING

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